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In re. Patent Application of: Michael J. Sosnoski et al.Examiner: Ryan HsuSerial No.: 10/728,325Group Art Unit: 3714Filed: December 4, 2003Docket No.: 1842.168US1Title: GAMING MACHINE WITH ELECTRO-MAGNETIC INTERFERENCE SHIELDING

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/728325 First Named Applicant: Michael J. SosnoskiExaminer: Ryan Hsu Art Unit: 3714 Status of Application: Pending: Non-Final Office Action Received

Tentative Participants:

(1) Alexander Vodovozov (2) Michael Blankstein(3) Janal Kalis (4) _____Proposed Date of Interview: July 25, 2007 Proposed Time: 3:00 p.m. (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

* The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative at 516-203-7270 with any questions regarding this request.

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☒ YES ☐ NOIf yes, provide brief description: Images of a Gaming Machine with EMI shielding and without it

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>102(e)</u>	<u>1-2,6-8,10-11, 13,15-16,18-19</u>	<u>Wachi et al</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) <u>103(a)</u>	<u>5,12,17</u>	<u>Takahashi et al.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) <u>103(a)</u>	<u>3-4,9,20</u>	<u>Schneider et al</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
[] Continuation Sheet Attached					

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: Comments attached on additional sheets.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

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From: Alexander Vodovozov
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2007 4:16 PM
To: Janal Kalis
Subject: RE: 788767.DOC--can you send me a brief description of arguments by tomorrow morning?

Hi Janal:

We will make the following arguments in view of amendments to the independent claims.

The recited prior art references fails to disclose, teach or suggest at least "a bezel encompassing the panel and being coated or impregnated with a conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic interference," as particularly recited in independent claims 1, 15, 20. The Examiner alleged that Wachi's "front protection plate" (FIG. 1, ref no. 3) discloses the recited bezel. However, to the contrary of the Examiner's allegation, Wachi's front protection plate 3 is not a "bezel" but a "layer" that comprises an antireflection layer 6, translucent conductive layer 5, and transparent substrate 7. A bezel is a term or art, just like a layer. Specifically, the claimed bezel encompasses the panel (See FIG. 3, 4 and 6, ref. no. 28), whereas Wachi's layer is disposed on the panel (Wachi FIG. 1). The secondary prior art to Takahashi discloses a bezel 70 made of resin, metal or alloy in order to be easily molded. Although Takahashi discloses a bezel, it's bezel is not coated or impregnated with a conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic interference. Furthermore, Takahashi does not disclose the bezel being in electrical contact with the wave shield film 1. Instead, Takahashi discloses bracket 71 for grounding wave shield film 1. Consequently, the references (Wachi, Takahashi, Schneider) whether alone or in combination do not disclose, teach or suggest "a bezel encompassing the panel and being coated or impregnated with a conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic interference," as particularly recited in independently claims 1, 15, 20.

1. A gaming machine ~~for conducting a wagering game~~, comprising:
a visual display; ~~and~~
a processor operative to cause a wagering game to be displayed on the visual display; and
a panel mounted in front of the display and revealing at least a portion of the display, the panel being coated or impregnated with a conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic interference;
a bezel encompassing the panel and being coated or impregnated with a conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic interference, the conductive material of the bezel being in electrical contact with the conductive material of the panel.

*** Claims 10-14 will be cancelled.

15. An assembly for a gaming machine ~~operative to conduct that conducts~~ a wagering game, the assembly comprising:
a panel positioned in front of a visual display of the machine and revealing at least a portion of the display; and
a bezel encompassing the panel, each of the panel and the bezel being coated or impregnated with a conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic interference, the conductive material of the bezel being in electrical contact with the conductive material of the panel.
20. A gaming machine ~~for conducting a wagering game~~, comprising:
a processor operative to cause a wagering game to be provided;
an externally visible device for facilitating play of the gaming machine, the device being selected from a group consisting of a bill validator, a coin acceptor, a printer, a card reader

display, and a display;
and
a bezel encompassing the device, the bezel being coated or impregnated with a conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic interference.

Regards,

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